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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of January 8, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 7, 11-13, 15, 22, 26, 29, 31, 42-45, and 47-50 are requested.

The Office Action

The Examiner objected to claims 1, 7, 9, 11-13, 42, 43, and 49. However, these claims were indicated to contain allowable subject matter if amended to resolve the 35 U.S.C. § 112 issues.

Claims 15, 47, 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Manwaring in view of Wilk.

Claims 22, 26, 31, 44, and 45 stand allowed.

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Manwaring in view of Wilk, further in view of Lundvall.

35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 42 have been amended to address the Examiner's objections. Claim 9 has been cancelled.

With this amendment, it is submitted that claims 1, 7, 11-13, 42, 43 and 49 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 15, 29, 47, and 48 Are Now in Condition for Allowance

Claims 15, 29, and 47 have been amended to parallel the allowed claims more closely.

Claim 15 has been amended to emphasize that the display is different from the electronic indicators and that it displays a diagnostic image along with the actual and desired positions of the pointing axis.

Claim 29 has been amended to emphasize that there is an anatomical display remote from the image and a position indicator mounted on the tool. The position indicator indicates a magnitude of the distance the tool must be moved for the tip to reach the desired position; whereas, the display provides a display of a representation of the tip superimposed on the anatomical display.

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The blinking rate limitation has been moved to new claim 50.

Claim 47 has been amended to emphasize that there is a direction indicator associated with the tool as well as a remote display. The direction indicator indicates a direction that the tool should be moved and the remote display displays a diagnostic anatomical image with a representation of the tool in its current position and orientation superimposed over it.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 15, 29, and 42, along with claim 48 dependent from claim 15 distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record.

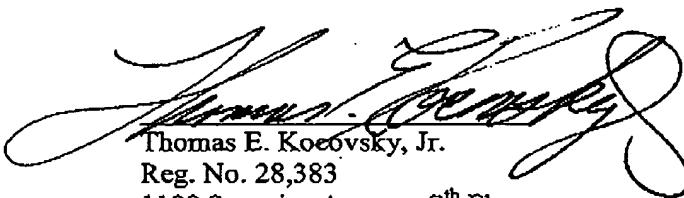
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 1, 7, 11-13, 15, 22, 26, 29, 31, 42-45, and 47-50 are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, she is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at (216) 861-5582.

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